

REMARKS

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103 or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

Claims 2-5 and 7-10 and amended claims 1 and 6 are in the application.

The Examiner required a new title that is “clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed”. A new title has been submitted herein which is believed to satisfy this requirement.

The Examiner stated that Figs. 5 and 6 should be designated by a legend such as –Prior Art--. Figs. 5 and 6 have been amended herein to include the legend “Related Art.”

Replacement sheets for these changes are attached at the end of this amendment.

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Parulski et al.

Amended independent claim 1 now recites in part the following:

“control means for using the image signals generated by said imaging device to adjust the still image before photographing, said control means defining **a detection area which is both vertically and horizontally limited within said imaging device** and reading only the image signals within the detection area out of said imaging device, the read image signals being used to adjust the still image before photographing.” (Emphasis added.)

It is respectfully submitted that the portions of Parulski relied upon by the Examiner (hereinafter, merely “Parulski”) do not disclose the above-mentioned

features of claim 1. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 1 is distinguishable from Parulski. For somewhat similar reasons, it is also submitted that amended independent claim 6 is distinguishable from Parulski.

Claims 2-5 and 7-10 are dependent from one of independent claims 1 and 6 and, due to such dependency, are also distinguishable from Parulski for at least the reasons previously described.

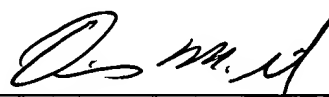
In the event, that the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing comments concerning the disclosures in the cited prior art, it is requested that the Examiner indicate where, in the reference, there is the basis for a contrary view.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable over the prior art, and early and favorable consideration thereof is solicited.

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